MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : Will the member be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any instruction to the taluk authorities to receive jenmikaram statements only if they are accompanied by attested copies of the *kanom* documents ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : No.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : May I know whether the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer has issued any such instruction ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Government have no information.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD : Are the Government aware of the fact that several jenmikaram statements have been refused on the ground that they were not accompanied by attested copies ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Government are not aware.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Is it not inconvenient and troublesome for the Jenmies to furnish attested copies of various documents to the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : It is a matter of opinion.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer to get down copies of documents from the Sub-Registry Offices concerned ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : Free of charge ?

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Yes.

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI : I do not see the reason why Government should do that. Anyhow, Government will consider the question if the parties interested make a requisition.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI : കാണാധാരത്തിന്റെ കൌണ്ടർ പാർട്ട് ജന്മിയുടെ കയ്യിലില്ലെങ്കിൽ തണ്ടപ്പേർ ഹാജരാക്കി ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയാൽ മതി എന്നു സെറിൽമെൻറാഫീസർ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI . ഗവണ്മെൻറിനതറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Increase of duty on tobacco in 1107.

78. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consulted the then Legislative Council when they increased the duty on tobacco in 1107 ?

MR. K. GEORGE : The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : Why ?

MR. K. GEORGE : Because, in the first place, it is not required by any provision of law ; and secondly, changes in tariff are matters which have to be given effect to confidentially and expeditiously to prevent loss of revenue.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Is the member aware that, during the 19th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Dewan assured that any proposal for fresh taxation will be placed before the Legislative Council before it is given effect to?

MR. K. GEORGE: I do not remember.

The Agricultural Department.

79. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years it is since the Agricultural Department was started: and

(*b*) whether they propose to organise this department or to amalgamate the same with the Land Revenue Department?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) The Department of Agriculture was started towards the end of Medam 1083.

(*b*) There is no proposal to amalgamate this department with the Land Revenue Department.

Panavaga section in Revenue and Magisterial courts.

80. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a panavaga section in Revenue and Magisterial Courts; and

(*b*) whether stamp registers are maintained in these courts?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Statement, by caste, of the appointments made by the present Chief Secretary.

81. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made by Mr. K. George in the Huzur Secretariat since he became Chief Secretary?

Mr. K. GEORGE: The statement of appointments made since 11th Vrischikam 1101 is as follows:—

HINDU.			
1.	Brahmins (Malayala)	...	1
2.	Do. (Others)	...	24
	Ezhava	...	6
	Kammala	...	3
	Kshatriya (Malayala)	...	3
	Nadar	...	...
	Nayar	...	22
	Vellala	...	6
	Other depressed classes	...	5
	Other Hindus	...	6
MUSSALMAN		...	4

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